

Bert R. J. Hassell and Parker Craine were Reichenbach, cold. There plans, the Greater Rockford, had run out of gas. They had descended on the ice in the wastes of Greenland. Food had run low. They had cut their rations to a small amount of pemmican a day. Ice cold streams had to be crossed. They stripped and waded into the water holding their clothes over their heads, wandering about the waste searching for the camp of the University of Michigan Greenland expedition. Hope waned. Hunger gripped them. They built fires, hoping to attract attention—all in a futile hope, they thought. Suddenly a low hum was heard. It grew in volume. Around the corner of a cape came a motorboat, bearing members of the university expedition. The two men leaped down a cliff to the shore. Thus ended another chapter in the dramatic history of man's attempt to make trans-Atlantic flying safe.

Herbert Hoover is going to carry his campaign into Gov. Al Smith's own home town. The Republican candidate will speak at Carnegie Hall, New York, on the night of Oct. 17.

The strategy of claiming victory continues. The rise of Mussolini, the fall of the League of Nations, the election on the solid South. John J. Raskob, Democratic manager, counters with the statement that Smith will win Illinois, Indiana. Republican chieftains say Hoover will get New York's 45 electoral votes. Franklin D. Roosevelt asserts that Smith will probably win Pennsylvania and California. Somebody is taking in too much territory. Whether it be the G. O. P. or the Bourbons only the election on Nov. 6 will tell.

The British foreign office is worried—more worried than usual. Since the rise of Mussolini the growing friendship between Spain and Italy has been viewed with alarm by habitues of No. 10 Downing street. Now that friendship has blossomed into a treaty, pledging mutual friendship between Madrid and Rome. Spain has built and is still building submarines. So in Italy. Both are Mediterranean nations. The submarine is the most effective weapon against shipping when used in the narrow and converging lanes of the land-locked Mediterranean sea. Through the Mediterranean lies the main route of British trade to the great Orient to her treasure houses of the east. Great Britain therefore looks with uneasiness at any friendship treaties between powers whose shores are laved by the Mediterranean, particularly when said treaties are given added significance by substantial submarine-building programs.

That General Motors, as a corporation, is not unanimous for either of the two presidential candidates was revealed when Alfred P. Sloan, president of the corporation, issued a statement declaring for Hoover. John Raskob and Edouard de Fontaine, officials of the great company, are both supporting Smith. In making his announcement Mr. Sloan referred to prohibition as follows: "At the same time I recognize that conditions respecting the observance of the law are far from satisfactory, and time may prove the necessity for some adjustments. If so, I am for having those adjustments brought about by an executive in sympathy with the economic benefits that the closest possible adherence to the prohibition law is sure to bring about. "It seems to me, therefore, that we should ask ourselves, whether this or any other problem is likely to be any more constructively handled under a change in administration. I see nothing to justify any change. Therefore I am for Mr. Hoover and always have been."

Ten million years ago a dog chased a rabbit through the antediluvian ooze over territory now known as the state of Nevada. Burrowing scientists unearthed the skeleton of the canine, the skull of the rabbit. It seems that while said dog was pursuing said hare a great volcanic eruption laid both chaser and chased low. And now the diggers report a veritable treasure-house of prehistoric fossils—camels, mastodons, elephants. Rumors that President Calles, of Mexico had a hand in the death of President-Elect Obregon in order that he (Calles) might succeed himself, were dispensed with the declaration by Senor Calles that he would not be a candidate and would never again seek to accept the presidency of the republic. He urged calm deliberation on the part of all citizens in the selection of a President, that Mexico might open the door to a new era of stable, sound, democratic government.

Ahmed Zogu was born in the mountainous region of Albania. He had a flair for attracting men. He rose to leadership among his neighbors, became a feared mountain chieftain. Now he is the king of Albania, the little country without a railroad. No foreign diplomats attended the coronation ceremonies, for the Zogu regime has not yet been recognized by the powers. Zogu is a Mohammedan. Many of his subjects are Christians. He took his oath of office first with his hand on the Bible, then with his hand on the Koran. He promised religious liberty to Albanians.

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GEORGE A. PROCTOR EXPIRES

NEW UNIT TO OPEN LATER

Temporary Building On New Site Will House Primary Grades

NEW TEACHERS COMING

Principals Bell and Wood Announce Faculty Appointments

School will open next Tuesday, Sept. 11, with many new teachers answering the Torrancia faculty roll call.

Principal Bell of the Elementary School advises that all kindergarten pupils should be sure and report on that day as it is expected the kindergarten will be over-crowded. Last year there was a waiting list.

Applicants will be admitted in order of their arrival. Any child who will be four and one-half years of age on or before December 12, 1928 may be admitted.

Any child who will be six years of age on or before December 13 may be admitted to the first grade during the first month of the term. All former pupils of the school should report to their former rooms at nine o'clock. New pupils will be enrolled at any time after 9:30 A. M.

Some new playground apparatus a comprehensive citizenship record, traffic lines in the halls, and a complete departmental program in the upper grades are among the innovations provided for in the new term.

The faculty will include in the kindergarten division, Directors Gladys Baker, Edythe Horgan and Marian Bliss. Primary and intermediate grades will include Gertrude Haydon, Ruth George, Edna Fairman, Bernice Lloyd, Armeta Bond, Vera Godwin, Cora Holt, Lovenia Boudinot, Rita Mowry, Lydia Turner, Edna Russell, Grace Burnham, Maude Roberson, Helen Berry and Mabel Peterson.

Departmental teachers in the upper grades will be Dora Dean, art and arithmetic; Mary Kent, social studies; Laura Thomas, writing and spelling; Louise Hutton, English and physical education; Juliet Young, reading; Bessie Haak, music and arithmetic; and Volney Henderson, physical education and English. Special teachers will be Geneva Binkley, manual education; Agnes Crimmins, home economics; Ida Mae Koffman, agriculture; Mrs. Lucock, Americanization; Hil-die Powell, opportunity.

Margaret Hannan will again serve as clerk and William M. Bell, Jr., is to continue as principal.

The Board of Education has acted upon repeated requests from residents in the northwest section of Torrancia for school facilities and a three room building is being prepared there for the fall term. This school is to be an annex of the Torrancia school and will be under the supervision of Mr. Bell. It is planned to transfer the children of primary grades who live near the Fern street site to the new quarters sometime during the first two weeks of the term. Members of the faculty will move with their children. Those to be assigned will be announced at a later date. It is not planned to offer work in the fifth and sixth grades at this building because of the absence of facilities for home economics, manual education and agriculture. If sufficient requests are made a kindergarten will be opened at this building. Such applications should be filed with Mr. Bell.

Mrs. Margerite Mathews of last year's faculty has been transferred to Los Angeles. Mrs. Mabel-Elia Sweet has taken a year's leave of absence. Replacing Mrs. Mathews the new teacher is Mrs. Mabel Stamps Peterson who has been teaching at Normandie Avenue school but who desires to live near Torrancia where her husband is employed. Replacing Mrs. Sweet is Mrs. Lydia Turner who formerly was Americanization teacher for this district and Harbor City. These are the only changes in the faculty. Mrs. Lucock replaces Mrs. Turner.

The office at the Elementary School will be open on Saturday afternoon from 1 to 5 P. M. for information and enrollment. High School Several changes have been made in the personnel of the faculty at the high school. D. O. Ferrell will be principal.

Observations

The Press and the Ermine—Shall Bar Association Publicity Elect Judges of the Bench? A Searching Editorial by a Contemporary

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

ONE of the sorry side-lights of the recent primary election campaign was the press-agent activities and ballyhoo conducted in behalf of some of the candidates for superior judge offices. When the legal profession of the state succeeded in getting a "self-governing" bar bill enacted by the last legislature, under which the members of the profession are to regulate their own conduct, it was expected that much higher standards would prevail. But in the election campaign just closed resort was had to methods that were not in keeping with the dignity that should surround the election of professional press-agents to seek political puffs and free advertising in the newspapers without paying for the space used.

AS the average reader may not be familiar with some of the workings of modern publicity seekers, it should be pointed out that a horde of press agents has sprung up of late years, who seek to leech free space from the newspapers for which "great ability" they are paid by those seeking free advertising. Newspapers maintain staffs to secure the news their readers desire and make expensive and laborious efforts to obtain legitimate news. Newspapers meet this expense by the sale of subscriptions and advertising space. Working on fat fees the press agents seek to obtain free space for those they represent by offering advertising in the guise of news.

ONE of the first acts of the "self-governing" bar of California after the legislature permitted that profession to have complete regulation of its own conduct, was to issue an order forbidding its members to advertise on the grounds that it was unethical. Yet at almost identically the same time reasons of free publicity were sent to the newspapers advertising this profession, which the newspapers were asked to pass on to their readers under the guise of news. It was unethical to enter the door of legitimate advertising to advise the public of the advancement of the profession, but it was ethical to pay writers to seek to enter the door of free advertising. This practice has been continuing as article after article is sent to the newspapers, which in their last analysis are simply advertising for the profession interested.

THE same method spread to the campaign for judgeships, in Los Angeles county at least, and many weeks ago the newspapers were advised that all "official news" of the bar association campaign would come from a certain firm of press agents. Individual candidates employed press agents also, and newspapers have received a barrage of material which they were asked to pass on to their readers as "news" and which had for its real basis the election of a candidate or candidates to the office of superior judge. Some of the more ambitious press agents even went so far as to seek to advertise their candidates through the society columns, under the flimsiest of pretexts as news.

ALL of this was far from in keeping with the dignity of the ermine. If any candidate for judge is not in financial position to carry on an advertising campaign for the position he seeks and will approach the newspapers with the actual facts about his ability and fitness for the office, he will receive fair treatment, but employment of press agents brought a feeling of disgust in the newspaper offices. Newspapers too have ideas of ethics and their code does not include swallowing press agent material. As a result the great bulk of the "alleged" news matter went into the waste-baskets.

PRESS-AGENT activities for the dignified and honored office of judge have been the frequent subject of discussion among newspaper publishers during the past few weeks, and the discussion has been far from favorable to the practice. The average voter, not on the inside of the campaign workings, knows that the press-agent ballyhoo, but to the newspapers it has been disgusting and uncalled for.—The Beverly Hills Citizen.

Union Ice Co. Helps Ed. Tansey Build Up Real Baseball Team

Always formidable against any opposition, the Torrancia ball team, managed by Hustling Ed Tansey, bids fair now to become one of the strongest semi-pro outfits in this broad and lovely portion of the United States. For the Torrancia outfit has joined hands with the strong Union Ice Company, using the stars of each organization to make one rattling good ball team.

Manager Tansey announces that officials of the Union Ice Company are providing steady work for members of the team and in return for the compliment Ed is going to have some of the players on the Torrancia nine wear uniforms bearing the words "Torrancia Union Ice." The fact that members of the team are assured of steady employment will enable Ed to keep the team together as a permanent organization.

The re-organized outfit will play every Sunday at the C.-C. M. O. park. But before the home season starts Ed will lead his cohorts down to Ole Hanson's pasture in San Clemente where the local lads will cross wallops with the Swedes down there.

Some of Ed's players are well known more for their baseball prowess than anything else. Head-hunter list is the "old reliable" Walter Morris, who has been playing hockey for close to ten years now and always giving his best whether on the hickok or at the plate. Accompanying Morris as a pitcher is "Mac" McGroove who has been the main cog in many contests. George Howe, the old Merchan's backstop is back at his old post to catch the slants and hooks with his old fire and vim that made him popular with the fans. The infield sports some more talent that ought to make it strong. Joe Gentry, the ex-three hit leaguer; Duesseau and Harry Atwood along with Wolf, all of the former Merchants; "Goldie" Gold-

HOT GAME IS WON BY P. E.

Sizzling League Title Contest Lost By Union Tool 3 To 2

FAST FIELDING WINS

Railway Boys Air-Tight After Merritt Home Run Gives Them Lead

They don't concoct any better ball games than that which electrified fans at the C.-C. M. O. Park last Friday afternoon when the Pacific Electric soft ball nine won the Industrial League championship from the Union Tool crew by a score of 3 to 2. The game was the last of a three-contest series, each team having won one. And in every inning and every detail it was the kind of a game that keeps the crowd of waiting men, who plan for hours day or night about the needs of his city? Who that knew him well but knows that in all his life here his thoughts and actions on behalf of Torrancia were never once tinged with any semblance of self?

Smart, snappy fielding on the part of the P. E. lads saved the game several times. The Tool nine outdid the car boys, getting eight bingles to four for the P. E., but those hits didn't come in the right places. It was Dale Merritt who put the contest on the well-known ice when he whammed out a hot liner for a four-base clout in the fourth inning, scoring Singer ahead of him.

With a one run lead, the P. E. lads slipped a flock of Union Tool threats in the bud.

Paul Vonderahe, lead-off man for the Tools was a star with the willow. He garnered a triple, a home run and a single off the swift pitching of Gribbon. Paul started the game with a triple to left. Harry Phillips drove a sizzler down the third base line. The ball hit Paul and he was out. This ended the first Union Tool threat. In the last half of the first, H. Leonard first man up for the P. E. drove a home run into the right field for the first score of the game.

Mad, the Toolers evened things up in the second. Art Hodges drove a double to left and scored on Anderson's single.

Paul Vonderahe came to bat first in the third. Paul is a scrappy ball player and some of the fans booed him as he stepped to the plate. His reply was a home run, putting the Tool in the lead, 2 to 1.

The P. E. got two men on in the third when Van Vliet singled and Gribbons walked, but nobody scored. The Toolers went out in order in the fourth and then came the climax. Leonard whammed on an infield hit. Singer was safe on the only error of the game, when Troost dropped the throw to first. Then Dale Merritt gleamed his circuit clout. Loss followed with a single, but the next two were easy outs.

In the first of the fifth it looked as though the Murphy crowd was going to even matters or forge ahead, but sterling baseball by the P. E. saved the game. Troost, up first, hit a double to left. Vonderahe slapped a clean single to center. Troost was racing for home. Edwards scooped up the ball and heaved it straight as an arrow to the plate where the out was made. It was a beautiful play. Vonderahe died on second when Phillips and Atwood went out.

With a one run lead and excellent support Gribbons, P. E. hurler disposed of the Toolers in order in the sixth and seventh.

The game was watched by several hundred fans who yelled their convictions hoarse.

Court Hears Trial, Orders Dismissal of "Bill" Phillips

The liquor charge brought against William Phillips, former Torrancia policeman by county officers was dismissed in Superior Court in Los Angeles this morning. The court heard all of the witnesses for the prosecution and declared that there was no evidence to show that Mr. Phillips possessed any liquor or had anything to do with the operation of the Normandie avenue house where police declare liquor was on sale. The court ordered Mr. Phillips dismissed.

"Build Thee More Stately Mansions, Oh My Soul"

Generous, loyal, sensitive, sympathetic George Proctor has gone. A great, strong influence has left Torrancia. And yet through the veil there seems to come to us some living essence of fine attributes which were his.

Were you ever privileged to look beneath the bluff exterior of this man? Did you ever catch those evanescent glimpses of his heart, his sympathy, his sensitiveness? Did you not, you never knew George Proctor.

If George Proctor was your friend once he was your friend always. I wonder if there is any greater praise for any man, George Proctor did not know the meaning of disloyalty. He would bury his own convictions deep for his friends. If his large affections took you in their embrace, George was the sort of a man who would, as it is said in the vernacular, "cut his arm off for you."

George loved Torrancia with a passion such as was known only by those who knew him well. His residence here started when Torrancia was a sea of sand. He was a moving part of its development. Officially, unofficially, as a citizen and as a man he translated his devotion to his city into thought and then into action. His regard for Torrancia took on something of the devotion of a man for a personality, something of the love of a father for a son.

Through all his career here he bent his generous energies to make this a better city in which to live. He wanted his city beautiful, its schools the best, its citizens the most prosperous and happy. If his interest in Torrancia turned to politics, which it did, you would find George weighing every possibility with both eyes at all times on the main object—the best thing for his city.

There may be greater things than man may do than promote the development of his city. But after all patriotism is love of one's own home—and constructive, active patriotism is the only test of the worth of a citizen. We are trying now to set down something of the personality of George Proctor—and his devotion to Torrancia was the same devotion which he had to any man he called friend. It was unswerving, constant, always there.

Torrancia has George Proctor to thank for much. As a city official his every act was the result of carefully thought out plans for the improvement of the city. George never acted on impulse. Who that knew him well has not known that he would take any plan for hours day or night about the needs of his city? Who that knew him well but knows that in all his life here his thoughts and actions on behalf of Torrancia were never once tinged with any semblance of self?

Streets, parks, playgrounds, schools, which have you that Torrancia needs? If it is required, you could count on Proctor, and it didn't make any difference where the chips fell. For he loved Torrancia and never failed a friend.

I wish that I could write George Proctor down so that those who knew him only by exterior could see something of his fineness, his splendid character which those of us who knew him well saw so clearly and constantly.

Incidents snatched from acquaintance reveal a bit of it. I recall the time that George Proctor did not run for re-election as city trustee. I talked with him about it.

"I want to keep serving the city," said George, "but no man can do his duty as he sees it and remain an official forever. It is time that I step aside and hand the job to someone else. But if they ever need me again I'll be here."

Ah, George, there never will be a time when we don't need you. My hope is that the spirit which you had will carry us all on to better things, to some of the dreams you had.

Only two weeks ago I saw George in action on behalf of his city. The Union Tool company was hiring men. The lobby at the employment office was full. George went to the counter, looked over the crowd of waiting men, and said, "Those of you who live in Torrancia come up front. You get the first jobs."

Torrancia was George Proctor's occupation. Let a need present itself and there would be George—always—planning, struggling to achieve it.

Let a threat of injury to Torrancia loom over the horizon—and in the first rank of fighters against it would be George. George could fight as well as he could love. His loyalty was shot through with courage.

You always knew where George Proctor stood. What he would say behind your back he would say to your face, and he usually said it to your face before he said it behind your back. He was as far from hypocrisy as a human being can be. If you wanted to get his opinion you had only to ask it and you got it directly and straight from the shoulder. Measure most men with that sort of a yardstick and see how they stack up.

Give me a man who is sensitive, who has the stamina not to show it.

Give me a man who is loyal, who has the constancy not to lose it.

Give me a man who is straightforward, who has the courage not to be a hypocrite.

Give me a man with deep affections, who has the restraint not to parade them.

Give me a man of honesty who has the pride not to boast of it. Such a man was good old George.

I hope that he hears us on the other side of the veil. Somehow I think he does—and smiles. I know that he wants us to carry on. Some of us may have been tardy in seeing the sort of a torch he bore. But now that it can be seen so clearly, let us lift it high.

Then the steadfast devotion which was his shall have attained a bright goal.

Torrancia is weeping, George. The meaning of your life seeps into our hearts. Your going strikes home your living significance.

So long, old top. I think you would like to hear us say farewell like that. So long, old top, so long.

CIVIC LIFE LEADER TAKEN

City Mourns Passing of First Mayor and C. of C. President

WIDELY KNOWN IN STATE

Torrancia Pioneer Made Influence Felt All Over Southland

George Alpha Proctor, aged 48, pioneer and first mayor of Torrancia, active in every civic movement in Torrancia since the first days of the community, passed away Tuesday morning at the Jared Sidney Torrancia Memorial hospital.

Suffering for more than a year from diabetes, Mr. Proctor last week underwent an operation for its removal. He was apparently improved but was removed to his home. Tuesday morning he went again to the hospital for a second throat operation. He passed away in the operating room. The entire city in gloom. Hundreds of men and women in every walk of life mourned the loss to the city.

BUSINESS HOUSES CLOSE DURING PROCTOR FUNERAL

All business houses in Torrancia were closed Thursday afternoon from 1:45 to 3:30 in honor of the memory of George A. Proctor. The funeral services were held at 2 o'clock today at the Women's Clubhouse. Richard Kleif, Christian Science reader, officiated.

Honorary pall-bearers were David Faulkner, president of the National Supply Company, Union Tool Division; Frank Walton, president of the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce; Frank F. Merriam, former speaker of the California assembly; Charles J. Colden, Los Angeles city councilman; Dr. A. P. Stevenson and Postmaster Alfred Gourdier.

Active pall-bearers were John Glass, R. R. Smith, Joe F. Stone and Ben Youngkin, all former associates of Mr. Proctor at the Union Tool plant; Frank Dinger, Carl L. Hyde, Chief of Police; Jerry Calder and Wallace Post-Gierment was at Ingleswood, where Masonic burial services were held.

The harbor district and their own persons lost Mr. Proctor was probably the best known man in Torrancia and the Torrancia man who was best known throughout Southern California.

Since moving to Torrancia in the spring of 1913, when there were no houses in Torrancia except on Gramercy and Andros' avenues George Proctor has been a moving part of every civic activity in the city. He was a charter member of the Torrancia Volunteer Fire Department. He, more than any other single individual, was responsible for the organization of the Torrancia Chamber of Commerce. Altogether he served the Chamber of Commerce as president for almost five full terms.

In 1921 he was active in the campaign for the incorporation of the city and was elected to the original board of trustees, the members of which unanimously chose him for mayor.

Since his retirement from city office he has been president of the Torrancia Chamber of Commerce. As a city official he saw Torrancia through the first problems of an infant municipality. He had a flair for organization and progress. Scarcely a public improvement has been made in Torrancia that he did not have a large part in bringing it about. He was chairman of the park committee of the board of trustees and as such was directly responsible for the landscaping of all of the Torrancia parks.

With untiring energy he was always on call when a civic task was to be done. He was always interested in politics as a means of achieving progressive improvements for the city. His influence in Torrancia civic affairs was matched by his influence on events throughout the Harbor district.

He was one of the original organizers of the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce, and was

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Steinhilber Takes Scouts On Outing

Frank Steinhilber and 12 Boy Scouts, members of Troop No. 4 of the Kiwanis Club troop, returned Sunday evening after a week's outing at Seminole Hot Springs.

Rabbit Breeders Here to Organize

Rabbit raisers of this district met Friday night, Aug. 31 and formed a temporary organization, which will be organized at a mass meeting to be held at Legion Hall, Gardena, next Wednesday night at 8 o'clock. Every breeder of rabbits in this area is urged to attend, as the organization, which will affiliate with state and national groups will be of immense importance to the industry. Additional information may be obtained from Mrs. Stock, Box 450, Gardena Route No. 1.

Mrs. Carleton Bell, with a large force of workers, is busy renovating the High School cafeteria, preparatory to the opening of the fall school session.

Steals Car, Wrecks It, Learns Lesson

Crux Magana has learned that if you are going to steal a car to go for a joy ride, you'd better drive carefully, or it will cost you plenty of money and get you into lots of trouble.

Crux stole a car parked on Border street in front of the Columbia Steel Sunday, and drove it to Redondo and wrecked it.

He was arrested by the Redondo police, and when the case came up Tuesday morning, Magana pled guilty and was fined \$100 or 60 days. \$390 of it was suspended for 2 years, providing he pay to have both of the cars fixed up.

The car was the property of Margaret Hinojosa, 1232 E. Carson street, while the car that was damaged in Redondo was the property of A. J. Hafford of 209 N. Elgin avenue. Hafford had his car parked and Magana struck it.

There has been a great deal of car stealing at the Columbia Steel recently, and police are clamping down on the offenders.

Guaranteed paint, \$2.95 gallon. Copalolated Lumber Co., Torrancia, Cal.